

## VERMONT NEWS.

## Re-opening of Bishop Hopkins' Hall.

It is probable that the girls' school at Bishop Hopkins' hall, Rock Point, Burlington, will not be reopened the coming fall as had been anticipated, but will be opened by another year. The Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall has made the following statement in reference to the school: "The fund has made distinct progress. We have now over \$75,000 in money and pledges; and of this \$55,000 is in the hands of the trustees and earning interest. It is clear that this would warrant us in reopening the school next fall. Engagements with teachers are commonly made by Easter, and the principal when chosen would have to gather a staff. Those who are acquainted with finances and with schools are clear that we ought to have for the first year the whole of \$100,000. It would be a great gain to have pledges paid in as soon as possible, then we could look forward with confidence to the fall of 1906. A good many pledges for gradual payment become due in April and some are overdue."

## The Famous "Spotter" Case Settled.

The famous suit for \$50,000 damages brought by Samuel D. Wilson vs. P. W. Clement, which has been once tried in the United States courts, a new trial ordered and again taken to the circuit court of appeals, has at last been settled by the payment of \$1,000 by Mr. Clement. The case was to have been tried again in May.

The plaintiff, Mr. Wilson, was employed in Windsor county when the old probitory law was in force as a detective to ferret out violations of the law. In the course of his work he shot and killed Edward Goshea but was acquitted in court on the ground of self defense. When Mr. Clement began his campaign of the governorship he laid great stress upon the shooting incident. Mr. Wilson alleged that Mr. Clement called him a murderer in his public addresses and the slander suit was brought.

The case came up for trial in the United States court at Rutland. After several days, during which time there were several sensational incidents, a verdict was returned for the defendant. A new trial was asked for by the plaintiff's attorneys on the ground that some of the jurors were not qualified to serve and Judge H. H. Wheeler granted the request.

The case was then taken by the defendant to the United States circuit court of appeals on a writ of error and arguments were made. Attorney Powell was successful in his argument there and the case was set for trial at the February term of court held in Burlington. The case was not ready for trial at that time and an adjournment was taken until May.

## Golden Weddings Observed.

There have been several fiftieth wedding anniversary celebrations recently in different parts of the state. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Phillips of North Bennington formally celebrated theirs in Bank Hall Wednesday evening, over 100 being present, including 25 relatives. Both are enjoying excellent health and although Mr. Phillips is 72 years old and Mrs. Phillips 67, yet they give promise of celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. They received many costly presents.

## Library Meeting.

A meeting of the Vermont library association will be held at the Kellogg-Hubbard library building in Montpelier, May 18. At the last meeting of the association it was voted to make an effort to include in the membership of the association all persons in the state who are in any way connected with library work and with this end in view Edward M. Giddard, president of the association, has been sending out circular letters to persons affiliated with library work to interest them. An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting and addresses will be made before the association by a well known librarian from out of the state as well as by one or two other speakers not yet selected. One of the phases of the discussion of various phases of library work and members of the board of library commissioners will be present to explain the work of the commission.

George S. Partlow, who disappeared from his home in Essex Junction last week Tuesday night, has been located in Albany, N. Y., and M. G. Clark, of Burlington, manager of the Northern Electric Co., by whom Partlow was employed as electrician, received a letter from him enclosing a mileage which he had borrowed. No address was given in the letter to Mr. Clark other than Albany.

Hon. Walter E. Ranger, state superintendent of education, was called to South Royalton last week to settle a difficulty between the directors and pupils of the South Royalton graded school and Principal Sturtevant, who had suspended several of the pupils because they attended a dancing party contrary to his orders. On the advice of Mr. Ranger, the difficulty was amicably adjusted by the 20 suspended students being unconditionally reinstated and they promising on their part not to have a graduating ball this year.

Victor S. Reed, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Brattleboro, has received a call from the railroad association in Concord, N. H., to become assistant secretary. The Concord association wishes some one as soon as possible, but Mr. Reed will remain with the Brattleboro association until May. It there is then a vacancy in the Concord Association, and he is wanted there, he will consider the call, as he prefers railroad association work.

State Superintendent C. J. Ferguson of the Vermont Anti-Saloon League has received from the national superintendent the announcements that the leagues throughout the country will take the initiative in urging upon the churches and Sunday schools, in the smaller towns in particular, the advisability of celebrating July 4, more in accord with the old fashioned idea with a program of exercises including addresses and instead of the more noisy and spectacular way now in vogue. Mr. Ferguson will urge upon the churches of the state to start a crusade with this end in view.

The death of Mrs. Hannah Stone Perley of East Berkshire occurred April 9, aged 90 years. She is survived by five children, Miss Melissa Perley, Miss Betsey Perley; Edward, of Antwerp, N. Y.; Charles, of Huntington, Conn.; and Corliss, who lives on the homestead. Mrs. Perley was one of ten children who with the exception of one death at the age of 26 years, have lived an average of 87 years. One brother, Ira, is living now in Illinois in his 95th year.

Col. J. Gray Estey and Capt. J. Harry Estey, president and treasurer respectively of the Estey Organ Co., have offered to present a pipe organ in memory of

their father, the late Gen. Julius J. Estey, in place of the present pipe organ now used by the First Baptist church at Brattleboro. At the annual meeting of the church the matter of buying a new organ and locating it in a more advantageous position was discussed, and the trustees were constituted a committee to look into the matter, but nothing was known of the contemplated action of Colonel Estey and Captain Estey.

It is expected that the annual encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, will be held in Richford, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday June 13-15.

At a joint meeting of the Custer Post, No. 42, G. A. R., and the 6th Corps Post, No. 112, G. A. R., at Bennington, recently it was voted to unite the posts under one organization. The posts have been separated for several years formerly being under the organization of the Custer No. 42. A disagreement arose over the question of an election of officers and many severed their connection with this body and obtained a charter for 6th Corps Post, No. 112. Last year the consolidation was nearly effected but a few technicalities stood in the way. No definite plans have yet been made for the reorganization but it will probably be in effect before Memorial day.

United States Marshal Horace W. Bailey, of Rutland, recently received an interesting letter from Mason S. Stone, former state superintendent of education in Vermont who has recently been in the Philippines in the interest of D. C. Heath & Co., publishers. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are now on their way home, but they do not expect to reach America until early in July. The letter was dated at Manila, but Mr. Stone's plans were carried out he is now in China. Mrs. Stone was to go to India April 15 with a companion and Mr. Stone after visiting many of the principal places of interest in China, will join his wife in Ceylon June 6. From there they will go together to Paris and London, sailing for home from the latter port.

The dates for the annual school for health officers held under the direction of the state board of health have finally been decided upon and the school will be held in Burlington June 19 to 22 inclusive. No place has been assigned but the new armory will probably be utilized.

State Geologist G. H. Perkins, of Burlington, will add to the collection at the state cabinet recently killed at Bolton. This addition will make complete the collection of specimens of all animals that have lived in Vermont for the past 75 years. G. W. Streeter, of Bolton, trapped two of these animals recently, and they are being mounted by W. P. Conger at Burlington. One will be placed in the Burlington museum. A seal brown skunk killed at Norwich is another recent addition to the state cabinet.

The report of the Vermont Soldiers' home, Bennington, for the quarter ending March 30 shows that admissions were 12; re-admissions, 4; discharges, 13; average daily number present, 95, the largest in the history of the institution. Several of the inmates have now left the home not to return until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzpatrick of Pittsford, aged respectively 86 and 70 years celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Thursday. They are among the oldest Irish residents of Rutland county and nearly all of their 11 children and several grandchildren gathered at their home on that day and an old fashioned family party with a sugaring off was held.

The celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brown took place at East Swanton, April 5 as a complete surprise, as the result of the love letters of their neighbors. Valuable gifts were presented to them including a purse of \$441 in gold. All of their children were at home to attend the celebration.

Atty. Russell W. Taft, only son of the late Russell S. Taft, chief judge of the supreme court of Vermont, has brought suit for \$5000 against Charles E. Walker of Burlington for the alleged alienation of the affections of his wife. The case is returnable at the September term of Chittenden county court. Walker is a clerk in the employ of a local lumber dealer. In connection with the suit, Mr. Taft has sued for divorce on the ground of intolerable severity.

The fourth annual tournament of the Vermont State Golf Association will be held in Bennington over the Mount Anthony Club course Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 23, 24, and 25. Gold and silver medals and trophies will be awarded to the winners of the different events.

David L. Mansfield, aged 67 years, widely known as a historian died Thursday at his home in Dummerston, after being in ill health for several years, suffering from rheumatism. He was a native of Salisbury, N. H., but lived in Dummerston for the past 45 years, being a farmer and school teacher. He wrote histories of Dummerston and Putney for Miss Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, also various other historical genealogical works. He is survived by a wife.

Gov. C. J. Bell has named Friday, April 28, as Arbor day.

The semi-annual meeting of the Vermont Schoolmasters' Club was held in Bellows Falls Friday evening at the Rockingham Hotel, about 40 members being present. The main feature was a banquet. Principal C. H. Morrill, of Randolph, acted as toastmaster and responses were made by State Superintendent W. E. Ranger, of Montpelier, Dr. W. N. Bryant, of Ludlow, and Principal H. J. Stannard, of Barton. President C. H. Morrill, Rev. G. W. Patterson, of Randolph, and others. Resolutions on the death of A. H. Kennerson of Ginn & Co. of Boston were adopted. It had been expected that Mr. Kennerson would attend this meeting.

Harry C. son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buckman, of Woodstock, accidentally shot himself with a revolver Friday noon. He went home at noon and started to load the weapon, a new self cocking revolver with which he was not familiar. As he was inserting a cartridge it was discharged and the bullet lodged in his head just above the left eye. Doctors who were called pronounced the case hopeless.

Members of Company H, V. N. G., of Montpelier held a meeting last week to form a camp of Spanish war veterans, all being eligible who served in the Spanish-American war. A temporary organization was effected by the election of ex-Capt. W. A. Pattee, chairman, and W. H. Therault, secretary. The 23 men present vote

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unanimously to apply for a charter. It was unanimously voted to name the new camp Oliver J. Gisborne Camp, in honor of Lieut. Gisborne, who died two years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Rockwood Burgess, of Bennington widow of the late Richmond Burgess died Wednesday afternoon, at the age of 90 years. She was born in Newfane, and was the last of the original Daughters of the American Revolution in Bennington. She was the daughter of Samuel Rockwood, who served seven years in a Massachusetts regiment. She is survived by four children, Mrs. William Woodward, Henry, Frank, and Richmond.

The name of Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, of Burlington, appears among the college preachers who will speak at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., some time before the annual commencement.

Brattleboro's record for the number of children brought into the world at one birth, so far as anyone can remember, was broken Thursday when three boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. William J. D'Arcy, of South Main street. The youngsters are perfectly formed and apparently are doing well. One weighed 9 pounds, one 7½ pounds, and one 7 pounds, their combined weight being 23½ pounds. They look so much alike that different colored ribbons are used to distinguish them.

James Maher, of New York city, was in Montpelier last week to inspect the monument to be erected in memory of Caesar Young, of which he is the architect. Ryle, McCormick & Co. has the contract. The work was performed for Mrs. Young, widow of the New York bookmaker, for whose death N. Patterson, the actress is soon to be tried the second time in the charge of murder. The monument has been completed and is ready for shipment. It is regarded as a particularly fine piece of work.

W. D. Tyler, of Irasburg, has held the office of town clerk for thirty-seven years; Henry S. Root, of Newport, has been town clerk and treasurer for thirty-four years; W. S. Robbins, of Derby, has held the same office for twenty-seven years; and Homer Thrasher, of Newport, has been chairman of the board of selectmen for fourteen years.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, of Burlington, has been appointed to deliver the Bell lectures at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, in the fall. His subjects will be "The Relation of Faith and Life" or "The Effects of Faith of Life of Faith."

While crossing Rochester mountain one day recently Rev. Homer W. Hildreth, Congregational minister in Rochester, met with a serious accident. When on the top of the mountain his horse slipped on the ice, and carriage, horse and man were thrown down the side of the mountain, a distance of about 20 feet. Mr. Hildreth managed to crawl out and summoned aid. Mr. Hildreth sustained several bruises and was badly shaken up.

Mrs. Nancy A. Ross, one of the oldest women in Rutland died last week at the age of 94 years. A daughter died a few weeks ago at the age of 75 years. She was born in Surrey, N. H., and passed most of her life in Weston.

Thomas Short, for 18 years in the employ of James H. Williams, as coachman, has resigned his position and has bought a farm at East Lebanon, N. H. With him will reside his brother, George Short, and wife, who have recently returned from a several years' stay in the Klondike, where they accumulated a large amount of wealth. Mrs. Short is said to have been the first white woman to enter that section. Her husband still has claims there, and she will soon go back to look after his interests.

James Fowle was almost instantly killed in McDonald, Cutler & Co.'s granite quarry at Graniteville near Barre, Wednesday afternoon. He was running a car loaded with granite to a grout pile. He tipped the car too soon and the stone fell on him. Fowle was 25 years old. He is survived by a wife and a young child. It is said that when the news of her husband's death was brought, the young wife attempted to commit suicide, in her distraction. Mr. and Mrs. Fowle came from Scotland last October.

Two aged people in West Newbury recently celebrated their birthday anniversaries. Mrs. Sally Wilson celebrated her 93rd anniversary Tuesday April 4. She is unusually active and bright for her years. David Eastman was 91 years old Sunday, April 2. He has been well until recently when he became seriously ill. His condition is now somewhat better.

A record kept by a Newport man for the past winter shows 85 zero days against 63 last winter.

There is at the present time a unique family of old people in Morgan. There are five of these old people living together as one family, whose combined ages are 373 years. They are all well and active and there is no better place in town to have a good time than in the home of these young old people. It is doubtful if another such family can be found in the county or possibly in the state.

The following passed the state board of pharmacy examination at the last meeting, held at Montpelier, April 6: Arthur S. Nason, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Jessie L. Hanscom, Manchester, N. H.; Arthur Merrill, Woodville, N. H.; George C. Stone, Dover, N. H.

The Manchester, (N. H.) Vermont Association held its eighteenth annual sugar party and ball last week Tuesday evening. From 5 until 8 o'clock maple syrup was served hot with doughnuts, rolls, cold meats, coffee, etc. Dancing was afterward indulged in. The march was led by Capt. Frank H. Chellis. The floor was in the charge of the president of the association, M. D. Johnson, who was assisted by Fred J. Bixby, Frank H. Chellis, Capt. William M. Rockwell, J.

Louis Poore, F. W. Prescott, and A. D. Bixby.  
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Gov. C. J. Bell will go to Rutland the latter part of April to attend a meeting of the Granges of Rutland county with Rutland Valley Grange, No. 314, of that city, for the purpose of organizing a large moga Grange. The membership will be large.

## The Golden Flood.

According to the city papers the tide has turned in the financial affairs of Edwin R. Whitney, who is remembered here for his signal failure in the construction of dynamo and electrical goods. He is now reported to be engaged to Miss Anna Bennett, a telephone girl at the Grand Union hotel in New York. Miss Bennett is said to have exhibited a check for \$100,000, which she had just received from Mr. Whitney with instructions to be generous with the money in the purchase of a trousseau for their wedding.

Miss Bennett is 22 and her fiancé is 70. As Miss Bennett is a Catholic and Mr. Whitney a Protestant, an effort is to be made, it is said to obtain a dispensation for their marriage from the Pope, and following its receipt the marriage will take place in St. Cecilia's church, Brooklyn.

Miss Bennett has told her friends that she has been promised a \$900 automobile and a diamond necklace. Besides the check for \$100,000 she has exhibited one for \$16,000.

Mr. Whitney formerly lived in Manchester for several years, and devoted himself to electrical inventions. He was in sore straits financially and left here for Montreal, where he became engaged in litigation over the water right at Showinegan, near Three Rivers.

Mr. Whitney lost his case in the Canadian courts, whereupon he appealed to the high court in England. There the case is now pending.

Several Manchester men lost heavily as promoters of Mr. Whitney's efforts, or as partners with him. He had plans at St. Johnsbury, and Penacook both of which ventures resulted in failure.

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